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WEATHER REPORT.

Portland, Dec. 11.—Western Oregon: Cloudy and threatening with rain along the coast, slow rising temperature.
Western Washington: Cloudy with rain.

REGULAR REPUBLICAN TICKET.

FOR MAYOR
J. W. Suprenant.

FOR AUDITOR AND POLICE JUDGE
A. B. Dalgity.

FOR TREASURER
John Nordstrom.

FOR POLICE COMMISSIONERS
John W. Babbidge, six year term.
W. C. Laws, two year term.

FOR SURVEYOR
Alfred S. Tee.

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS
James F. Kearney.

FOR COUNCILMAN—FIRST WARD
Karl Knoblock.

FOR COUNCILMEN—SECOND WARD
James J. Robinson.
R. M. Leathers.

FOR COUNCILMAN—THIRD WARD
C. A. Leinenweber.

MR. SMITH COMPLAINS.

We respectfully suggest to City Attorney A. M. Smith, the guiding spirit and responsible boss of the Democratic line-up in the present city campaign, that the Tuttle charter bill with its alleged faults, contained one supreme feature that redeemed it from criticism, in every one's eyes but his, and which would have saved Astoria \$1500 per annum, and endless electoral controversies, and that was the provision that merged all elections under one date, a provision that did not suit Mr. Smith a little bit, and for fear of which, Mr. Smith in his subsequent dickering amendments of the charter overcame with the ordained arrangement for his own election in the off years, in order that it might attract less public attention and controversy and give him a practical life-lease upon the position. He is responsible for the charter as it stands and is also responsible for the conclusion he himself has reached and declared that it is not ample in its strength to enable the city to withstand, in the local courts, any resistful pressure from the slum element when legal attack is contemplated. It is a poor charter that will not protect its own city against the evil extravagances of its own slums, and Mr. Smith's candor in the premises is equaled only by the shamelessness of a situation so obviously and illegally bad. He has not much to be proud of. And he has less to be conceded over in his mental review of his own ambiguous situation, when he, the paid legal attorney of the City of Astoria, appeared in the Circuit

Court of Clatsop County as the paid representative for the defense of the very slums he was supposed to prosecute in the name of common decency and public duty; a position that did at last force itself upon him and compel his retirement, but not until he had made manifest his own trenchant purpose and the distorted views he held as to the province of a public officer. He complains of the current attacks and the abuse of this paper, with a seeming forgetfulness of his own perverted relations to this community, and he may as well understand, now, that nothing but his extraordinary and oblique attitude in these premises, would have prompted or suggested the strictures uttered from this office to date. He is a public officer and as such entitled to review, and to praise, or to blame, as the exigencies demand, and he will get it, in either case.

FOR REPUBLICANS ONLY.

The Republicans of Astoria must decide today just what they are and where they stand. The present city campaign resolves itself into a straight fight for Republican supremacy in the City as against Democratic encroachment. There is no room for qualification. It is either Republican or Democratic, today. Happily the issues make it all the easier for the Republican to vote his ticket, but that is neither here nor there; the fact remains he must stand for his party or vote for its enemies: The loss of today's election will reflect upon every recalcitrant Republican vote cast here today and men who cast the party strength to the opposition will be responsible for the disaster and the disloyalty. If it is lost with the full honest expression of the whole Republican partisan numbers, well and good, that is the least of its complaint; that can be weathered and amended in the future, but if it be lost through the laches of Republicans themselves, it means a defeat more beggarly, more treacherous and more complete than its own record entitles it to. Be careful how you vote, and vote with your party.

ONE LAST WORD.

The Morning Astorian claims one last word with the voters of this city. There has been nothing ambitious or underminded in the stand this paper has taken in the present municipal fight against the Democratic challenge for a "Wide Open Town"; it has not been over-gentle with some people and it has been conspicuously plain with all; the full status of the campaign has been exploited in unequivocal fashion, and the issues remain as they were; the Republican claims have been set forth in uncompromising terms and the Democratic program has received all the attention that was its due; this paper has nothing to retract, to revamp, to alter; and it has no apologies to make; it still stands for the regulated city as against the unlicensed licentiousness proposed by the Democratic outfit; it will be found in that position at all times in the future and ready for any fight that may arise on this issue; it stands for a decent, wholesome city of repute among its fellows of the State, and it stands for the defeat of the Democratic ticket and all it means, This paper is Republican.

ELASTIC CURRENCY.

Secretary Shaw suggests an "elastic currency" in the form of national-bank-note issues up to 50 per cent of the banks' bond-secured notes, to be guaranteed by the government but not to be secured by bonds or other collateral, and to be subject to a tax of 5 or 6 per cent. There would, of course, be no profit or other object in issuing such notes except when a scarcity of currency forced the rates of interest above 6 per cent, and the notes would be redeemed or withdrawn from circulation as soon as the loaning rates fell below 6 per cent. This would be an "asset" currency, pure and simple, and while the tax might be ample to secure the government from loss, it is doubtful if the prejudice against "asset" or credit bank notes has sufficiently disappeared to make any such scheme popular. The secretary says that the presence of this unsecured currency in circulation "would not alarm, for it would not be known." But how does this comport with the administration's much-bruited policy of "publicity" in all governmental affairs? An unsecured bank-note issue whose amount was not known might not in itself cause "alarm"—but one can easily imagine how this element of secrecy or uncertainty would be made use of in the money and the securities markets.

MARK TWAIN TO THE RESCUE.

"We can't reach old age by another man's road," said Mark Twain—and there we have the wisdom of the centuries that Confucius, Omar and Mahomet spent their lives spinning into fine sentences of various mythical quantities.

Mark Twain has reached seventy—man's allotted "three score and ten," and he is qualified to speak; fine and hearty, with well-balanced brains—still concealed by hair—he gives us a last word on the most important problem of life: How to live long and be happy without being too good!

Mr. Clemens reached this honorable junction of years and wisdom by no circuitous path. On the contrary, he went straight and took hold of everything just as it came to hand and seemed to be inviting him to the task. It was so with smoking. He wasn't yet ten when he first learned what cigars were made for and he set fire to his first without hesitancy and has kept the end of one glowing ever since. He exercised when he wasn't tired, ate mince pie when anybody was so thoughtless as to have it in the house, drank for sociability and because he liked it—and here he is. Did he work? Some—we should smile, and have smiled.

"But don't you do it," exclaims in effect this genial benefactor of the race, in conclusion, "Don't do any of the things that I have done; they won't be good for you; and don't neglect to do all the things that I have neglected; it won't be good for you either." So we admire the philosopher and retire, here is the plan that sets the doctors all at fault and saves many human lives.

ALAS!

Many of the numerous time and labor saving devices of the present day work more harm than good. Take the matter of clothing, for instance. The improvement in wearing apparel is responsible for much of the physical degeneracy of the present. There was the old reliable cowskin boot. Away with the yoked and laced colours of today, they are enervating the youth of the land. Call back the cold winter morning, when, pivoted on the inverted apex of our anatomy, we pulled 400 pounds on each strap of the wet boot with one finger. No modern course in physical culture contains anything like it. It is what gave the old pioneers their set, determined expression, and developed their quality of "staying with it." The only drawback aside from the one on the boot was that where the strain exceeded 500 pounds to each finger, and the view of the kitchen door knob was obstructed, it was liable to make a fellow cross-eyed. The steady influence of the door knob safeguarded against this while to allow the eyes to roam and rest on nothing while the strain was on invited trouble. But the danger did not in any manner offset the advantages to the physical organization, and the man or boy who could pull on his boots under all conditions had a better set of back, leg and arm muscles than a Yale oarsman.—Ex.

MISUNDERSTANDING.

"Wallaby" is an Australian slang word, and it once puzzled an English secretary of state for the colonies, as it might well puzzle any one but an Australian. This minister was once visited by Sir Charles Gavan Duffy, and reference was made to a masterful Australian governor who had come into conflict with the colonial office. "I hear he has retired to an island off the coast, and surrounded himself with wallabies," remarked the English statesman. "Yes," replied Sir Gavan, "I dare say he is making himself as comfortable as he can." "Your surprise me!" was the reply. "What just be the state of morality in a country where you make light of such a proceeding?" Sir Gavan had to explain that the society of kangaroos is not forbidden by the decalogue.

FOOTBALL LYRICS.

The home football team won, and it moved the reporter of "The Joplin (Mo.) News-Herald" to this burst of eloquence: "The La Harpe 'All Stars' have lost their lustre. The sidereal fire that shown undimmed for three years through the football world has been made to resemble a weak tallow dip in the glare of an arc light. The Joplin Giants shook them from their astronomical position, and it may be some time before they are again discovered rushing through limitless void, a chaotic, disorganized mass looking for a place to light."

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

Postmasters for Oregon and Washington Named.
Washington, Dec. 12.—The Senate in executive session today confirmed among

others the following nominations:

Postmasters for Oregon—Louis J. Simpson, of North Bend; Frank W. Welcome, of Burns; and Harvey S. Buck, Sumpter.

Postmaster for Washington—Robert H. Stapleton, of Monroe; Henry L. Volaw of Tacoma; Jacob F. Hill, of Davenport, and Frank L. Turner, of South Bend.

CONSUMPTION

Is Inherited and Can It Be Cured.

Many of our leading scientists are spending much time in the study of this great white plague, and find that more cases are caused by neglect than are hereditary.

Neglected coughs and colds gradually weaken the whole pulmonary system, and before people realize it there is a diseased spot in one lung, spitting blood soon follows and eventually collapses.

Our local druggist, Charles Rogers, says there is nothing known to medicine equal to their cod liver oil preparation, Vinol, for consumption, especially in its early stages, and while they do not guarantee it will cure real consumption they have many letters from people who were given up to die, and who declare they were saved by Vinol.

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